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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1922

Town Clerk

EVA S. ALLEN, resigned, Term expires 1924

Selectmen

JOHN P. DAY	Term expires 1925
SYLVESTER R. DEAN	Term expires 1924
EDMUND CODY	Term expires 1923

Assessors

WALTER A. WOODIS	Term expires 1925
JOHN MORAN	Term expires 1924
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1923

Overseers of the Poor

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN	Term expires 1924
APPLETON L. NEWTON	Term expires 1925
MORTON F. LINCOLN	Term expires 1923

School Committee

THOMAS C. BAXTER	Term expires 1924
MINNIE M. DAY	Term expires 1923
WALTER O. BABCOCK	Term expires 1925

Library Trustees

SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1923
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL	Term expires 1924
JESSE ALLEN, deceased,	Term expires 1925

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Cemetery Committee

JAMES P. FAIRBANKS	Term expires 1923
JOHN W. DWELLY	Term expires 1924
EDWIN GREEN	Term expires 1925

Collector

EDMUND CODY

Treasurer

JOHN W. DWELLY

Tree Warden

WILLIAM A. NYE

Auditor

JOHN ROBINSON

Superintendent of Highways

CLIFFORD R. KNIGHT

Sealer of Weights and Measures

GEORGE H. MORSE

Measurers of Lumber

WALTER A. WOODIS
SYLVESTER R. DEAN
GEORGE H. MORSE

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Measurers of Wood and Bark

CHARLES B. DANIELS
APPLETON L. NEWTON
GEORGE W. DEAN

Fence Viewers

W. WALLACE GRIMES
GEORGE S. BUTLER
IRA W. STONE

Constables

WILLIAM C. AYRES, (chief), deceased
FRED PARMENTER
CHARLES B. DANIELS
GEORGE H. MORSE
HENRY W. BARTLETT
EVANDER L. GREEN

Field Drivers

JOHN O'DONNELL
FRANCIS GAFFNEY
SARA E. BUTLER

Town Agent

FRANK S. CONANT

Cattle Inspector

HENRY W. STONE

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**School Superintendent
JAMES R. CHILDS**

**Undertaker
JAMES P. FAIRBANK**

**Forest Fire Warden
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE**

**Superintendent for the Suppression of Brown Tail and
Gypsy Moths
PERCY WILBUR**

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in
the County of Worcester,

Greetings :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose one Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Library Trustee for one year, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, shall licenses be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town, shall the town petition for the installation of an accounting system by the commonwealth, (this question is submitted under the provisions of Chapter 516, Acts of 1922), all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in

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the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of moneys as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note thereof, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

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Article 12. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to insure its employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$50 towards repairing the church steeple.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to have its valuation and taxes printed once in two or three years, instead of annually as at present.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to purchase a set of hay scales and make appropriation for same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will buy six pairs of handcuffs, and make appropriation for same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of January, in the year, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
EDMUND CODY,

Selectmen of Oakham.

DEACON JESSE ALLEN

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, a feeling of sorrow passed throughout the town when we learned of the death of our beloved and most distinguished citizen, Deacon Jesse Allen.

Mr. Allen resigned two years ago on account of failing health from the town clerkship after a record of 50 years of most efficient and faithful service, a record hardly ever surpassed. His daughter, Eva, succeeded him as town clerk until she left town in December. Besides serving the town as town clerk, he held many other offices during his life, including school committee, overseer of the poor, library trustee, cemetery commissioner, town treasurer, and also was a justice of the peace and represented the district in the legislature.

In the death of Mr. Allen Oakham has lost the most distinguished life long citizen that it ever knew.

In behalf of the town and ourselves we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his daughters.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
EDMUND CODY,
Selectmen of Oakham.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded in Oakham in
1922

BIRTHS

- Jan. 10. Son (Russell Oliver) to Sylvester R. and Ethel L. Dean.
Jan. 31. Twin sons (Anthony Alois) and stillborn to Anthony J. and Millie S. Bechan.
Feb. 17. Son (George) to Joseph J. and Marion A. Bechan.
Apr. 16. Daughter (Helen Roberta) to George H. and Marjorie H. Lackey.
May 26. Daughter (Millicent Rebecca) to Edward J. and Laura E. Crawford.
July 25. Daughter (Dorothy May) to George A. and Maud A. Briggs.
Aug. 21. Son (Edward) to Evariste and Anna Dufresne.
Sept. 7. Son (Gilbert Harding) to Joseph A. and Nellie J. Potter.
Oct. 2. Son (John Howard) to Raymond B. and Annabel Culver.
Oct. 31. Son (John) to Martin and Damie Winski.
Nov. 3. Daughter (Wieno Helen) to Oscar and Lizzie Maki.
Nov. 15. Son (Wallace Clifford) to Henry W. and Evelyn M. Grimes.
Dec. 8. Daughter (Marjorie Appleton) to Oliver W. L. and Etta M. Wilkins.

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MARRIAGES

Apr. 17. Francis P. Gaffney to Margaret C. Pimley.
 Aug. 10. Fred R. Thompson to Enola F. Clifford.
 Dec. 25. Walter A. Woodis to Gertrude M. Dean.

DEATHS

		Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 31.	Son (stillborn) to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bechan.			
Feb. 8.	William C. Ayres	59	9	17
Feb. 11.	Winifred A. Gaffney	58	9	24
Feb. 15.	Anthony A. Bechan			15
Mar. 24.	Adeline G. Green	71	7	16
July 14.	Minnie G. Woodis	46	10	24
Aug. 14.	Hiram S. Harwood	77	0	8
Aug. 17.	Henry A. Crawford	86	6	6
Oct. 1.	Frank E. Loring	78	8	14
Nov. 21.	Leonard W. Newcomb	72	10	14
Nov. 22.	Jesse Allen	72	5	29

BURIED IN TOWN

Jan. 4.	Sophonra A. Parker	79	5	14
Jan. 30.	Nella A. Lord	81	0	21
Feb. 2.	George M. Ross	81	0	21
Feb. 16.	Gladys Beckwith	3	1	13
Apr. 21.	Lucy A. Parker	79	10	1
Sept. 27.	John H. Keep	54	11	15
Oct. 14.	Edwin Chamberlain	80	2	4

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LICENSES

Combination Licenses	76
Hunting and Trapping	18
Non-Residents Combination	1
Alien Hunting and Trapping	1
Fishing	18
Minor Trappers	4
	— 118

DOGS

Males	79
Females	23
	— 102

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, cash on hand	\$854 41
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes, 1922	\$7914 90
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1921	3285 82
George H. Morse, taxes, 1920	733 43
George H. Morse, taxes, 1919	133 04
Commonwealth of Mass.	
Income tax 1919-20-21-22	166 50
Income tax, general fund	162 00
Income tax, school fund	640 00
School fund	2172 00
Inspection of animals	16 00
School Superintendent	289 92
Corporation taxes	45 76
High school tuition	789 47
High school transportation	520 50
Dog tax	224 27
State Aid	216 00
National Bank tax	17 32
Soldiers' exemption	4 21
Highway Commission	2500 69
County Highway	500 00
Town of Rutland, tuition	27 00
Worcester Bank and Trust Co.	3500 00
Cemetery Committee	96 00
Perpetual care of cemetery lots	95 00
Rent of Memorial Hall	68 00
Licenses	4 50
Sealer of Weights and Measures	9 95
Overseers of Poor	20 00

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For dynamite	39 75	
John L. Smith, trial justice	10 00	
Sale of South school house	155 00	
Fire wagon	35 00	
Grass on Library lot	2 00	
Miss J. H. O. Lovell, library	153 60	
Miss J. H. O. Lovell, cemetery	153 60	
Flora B. Arnold, cemetery	50 00	
W. R. Dean, cemetery	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$25,705 64

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders	\$23,666 77	
Trust funds deposited	457 20	
	<hr/>	\$24,123 97
Balance in Treasury		<hr/> \$1581 67

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

George H. Gould	\$100 00
Daniel H. Dean	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard	150 00
Stephen Lincoln	150 00
Charles Fobes	100 00
Mrs. Samuel Ripley	25 00
Mary E. Brown	50 00
Martha M. Macullar	100 00
Fannie W. Kimball	50 00
Weeks & Elliott	100 00
Sumner Reed	100 00

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Lewis N. Haskell	100 00
Lewis Allen	100 00
Jesse Allen	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson	50 00
A. J. Holden	50 00
Lyman S. Walker	100 00
William Fobes	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg	100 00
Henry E. Morse	100 00
William Haskell	100 00
Henry P. Wright	100 00
Laura Burt	100 00
Ann D. Adams	25 00
Hall & Nourse	100 00
A. L. Nickerson	100 00
A. C. Morse	50 00
George Ross	100 00
George N. Briggs	100 00
Mary J. Clark	100 00
Moses O. Ayres	100 00
Horace W. Lincoln	100 00
William Myrick Presho	50 00
Charles W. Hastings	100 00
Charles B. Green	50 00
W. R. Dean	100 00
J. H. O. Lovell	153 60

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Alfred Parks Wright Fund	
Fund and Interest	526 66
Mary Lincoln Alden Fund	
Fund	5000 00
Income unexpended	824 00
Fobes Memorial Fund	
Fund	2000 00
Interest	645 49
Library Legacies and interest	1065 13

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1922.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Paid Eva S. Allen	\$ 77 00	
Effie Swindell	7 00	
Supplies	2 53	
	<hr/>	\$86 53

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly	\$75 00	
Postage	9 94	
	<hr/>	\$84 94

Tax Collector

Paid Ed. Cody	\$85 00	
Postage	8 60	
	<hr/>	\$93 60

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	\$50 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	40 00	
Edmund Cody	40 00	
Oaths, Tel. and Postage	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$134 50

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Assessors

Paid W. A. Woodis	\$79 58	
John Moran	60 35	
C. B. Daniels	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$211 93

Auditors

Paid John Robinson	\$50 00
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Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid Effie Swindell	\$13 00	
Katherine Cody	13 00	
F. E. Davis	8 00	
George Dean	5 00	
George Morse	3 00	
Grace Parker	5 00	
Lillian Morse	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$52 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid Eva Allen	\$14 00	
John P. Day	7 00	
Sylvester Dean	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid George H. Morse	\$15 00
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Dog Officer

Paid George H. Morse	\$25 00
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Overseers of Poor

Paid support of Poor	\$744 88
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Police

Paid Henry Bartlett	\$2 00	
George H. Morse	10 40	
Andrew Green	3 00	
F. H. Parmeater	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 40

School Committee

Paid for Support of Schools	\$7910 28
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Superintendent of Streets

Paid for Highways	4419 13
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Bridges

Paid for Repairs	118 77
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Library

Paid for Support of Library	\$460 83
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Cemetery Committee

Paid for Support of Cemeteries	\$239 87
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Military Aid

Paid Military Aid	\$30 00
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State Aid

Paid State Aid	\$216 00
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Bonds for Town Officers

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.	
Treasurer's Bond	\$12 00
Collector's Bond	30 00
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	\$42 00

State and County Tax

Paid County Tax	\$655 00
State Tax	1080 00
Highway Tax	139 60
Civilian War Tax	531 00
	———
	\$2405 60

Worcester Bank and Trust Co.

Paid for Note	\$3500 00
Interest	77 44
	———
	\$3577 44

Opening Roads

Paid for Opening Roads	\$318 16
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Insurance of Employees

Paid Frank A. Smith & Sons	\$83 73
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Fire Department

Paid for Fighting Fires	\$249 10
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Tree Warden

Paid W. A. Nye	47 22	
C. A. Trowbridge	1 40	
	<hr/>	\$48 62

Memorial Association

Paid Ira Stone	\$7 27
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Gypsy Moth

Paid for the Suppression of Gypsy Moth, 1921-1922	\$1053 50
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Miscellaneous

Paid Oliver Wilkins, Street Lights	\$10 00
H. W. Stone, Inspecting Barns	55 46
H. W. Stone, Inspecting Meat	95 00
J. P. Fairbanks, Death Returns	2 50
Dr. Douglas, Birth Returns	2 25
Commissioner of Public Safety, Blanks	70
John Dwelly, Ex. to Worcester	5 00
Barre Gazette, Printing	241 08
Sanford Putnam Co. Call Book	8 38
J. W. Fisk, Tree Guards	32 00
John Dwelly, Wood	37 50
F. S. Conant, Supplies	16 28
Worcester Mechanics Bank, Safe Deposit Box	4 00

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Fay Russell, Repairs	9 69	
Theodore Wardell, Certifying Note	2 00	
C. H. Parker & Son, Supplies	3 17	
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	3 07	
W. & L. E. Gurley, Sealers' Supplies	4 30	
Worcester Abstract Co., Abstracts	10 62	
W. A. Nye, Care of Clock	35 00	
W. A. Nye, Care of Hall	120 00	
W. A. Nye, Repairs	14 87	
Worcester Industrial School, Milton Parker	92 88	
Henry Hallenbach	46 88	
Chas. Ferrin	42 84	
George S. Butler, Supplies	11 22	
Louis Hanff, Davis Case	14 70	
John L. Smith, Wilkins Case	8 50	
John L. Smith, Hapgood Case	10 80	
	<hr/>	\$940 69
Total		<hr/> \$23,666 77

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1921		\$3785 10	
Interest		128 47	
		<hr/>	\$3,913 57
	Cr.		
By Treasurer's receipts		\$3,285 82	
Abatements		109 29	
		<hr/>	\$3,395 11
Uncollected Taxes			<hr/>
			\$518 46

	Dr.		
Taxes Committed to me for Collection, 1922:			
Town Tax		\$9822 00	
State Tax		1080 00	
County Tax		655 00	
State Highway Tax		140 00	
Overlayings		661 34	
Omitted Tax		201 66	
Interest		5 41	
		<hr/>	\$12,565 41
	Cr.		
By Treasurer's Receipts		\$7,914 90	
Abatement		14 00	\$7,928 90
		<hr/>	
Uncollected Taxes			\$4,636 51

Respectfully Submitted,
EDMUND F. CODY,
Collector.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

Bridges

Paid George Butler, spikes	\$ 2 52	
James Leyden, sleepers, (9)	45 00	
Henry Butler, plank	16 80	
W. R. Dean, plank	28 00	
A. L. Newton, hauling plank	7 00	
George Grimes, labor	2 50	
Nathan Fiske, labor	3 20	
C. R. Knight, labor	13 75	
	<hr/>	\$118 77

Material, 1922

Paid E. I. Dupont, dynamite	\$53 00
George Butler	1 25
New England Metal Culvert Co.	224 44
Good Road Machinery	4 20
Waite Hardware	6 80
Ross Bros.	2 75
George Morse	1 20
M. F. Lincoln, gravel	1 30
E. V. Newton, gravel	2 10
Mrs. Rugg, gravel	12 80
Wallace Grimes, gravel	3 00
William Gaffney, gravel	3 20

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H. D. Bullard, gravel	75 80	
C. R. Knight, repairs on tools	3 93	
C. R. Knight, freight	2 94	
L. C. Francis, repairs on tools	8 10	
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		\$406 81
Credit on dynamite		39 75
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Balance		\$367 06

Work on Roads, 1922

Paid C. R. Knight	\$827 61	
Fred Parkman	568 76	
A. L. Newton	666 77	
W. H. Boyd	421 31	
Frank Lupa	122 50	
W. A. Woodis	72 63	
Frank Winslow	21 00	
William Gaffney	29 68	
John Robinson	10 84	
Arthur Spooner	2 55	
Nathan Fiske	389 80	
Frank Stone	292 20	
Frank Boyd	156 20	
James Woodis	338 60	
George Hallowell	62 00	
Percy Wilbur	2 20	
William Mann	3 00	
John Fitzpatrick	5 00	
William Macia	11 47	
Ira Stone	5 00	
Frank Parkman	3 20	
		<hr/>
		\$4012 32

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR 1922

Assessment	11 96	
Memorial Hospital	150 86	
Dr.E. S. Douglass	72 00	
Town of Milton	371 00	
Expense going to Milton and Brockton	42 00	
Expense going to Holden	3 00	
Expense going to Tewksbury	20 00	
James P. Fairbanks	19 00	
Charlton Poor Farm Asso. board	2 56	
Wm. H. Parkman, services	25 00	
Morton F. Lincoln, services	17 00	
Appleton Newton, services	5 00	
Stationery and postage	5 56	
	<hr/>	\$744 94
Returned		20 20
		<hr/>
		\$724 74

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
MORTON F. LINCOLN,
APPLETON NEWTON,
Overseers.

REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSO- CIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1922

Receipts

Milk	\$2707 68	
Eggs	52 14	
Stock	603 00	
Inmates Board	5102 66	
Boarders	1327 04	
Miscellaneous	131 15	
Annual Assessment	756 05	
Interest on deposit	7 66	
Balance 1921	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$10,694 13

EXPENDITURES

C. M. Wheeler and Wife	\$1200 00
Outside Labor	635 67
Inside Labor	365 00
Miscellaneous	184 40
Groceries	1165 52
Meat	633 92
Grain and Feed	1124 23
Oil and Gasoline	163 15
Tobacco	168 26
Supplies	991 37
Clothing	424 65
Drugs and Medical Attendance	90 41
Electricity, etc.	77 89
Blacksmithing	59 09
Telephone	42 13
Coal	315 91
Rent and Interest	674 04

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Seed	40 90	
Stock	168 00	
Hardware	47 05	
Machinery	40 65	
Lime and Fertilizer	309 12	
Veterinary	11 00	
N. E. M. P. A. dues	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$8945 36

Balance in favor of Association	\$1748 77
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Received and due from towns in the Association for board of inmates:

Ashburnham	\$234 66	
Auburn	61 70	
Boylston	469 26	
Brookfield	469 26	
Charlton	351 62	
East Brookfield	109 27	
Leicester	371 62	
Millbury	1191 77	
Oakham	3 20	
Princeton	514 91	
Rutland	386 97	
Sterling	469 26	
Westminster	469 26	
	<hr/>	\$5102 26

Total number of weeks for inmates 1136 5-7; for boarders 251 4-7 weeks. No inmates from Holland. Holden, Hardwick, Hubbardston and Paxton.

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President,
LOUIS M. HANFF, Secretary and Treasurer.
Charlton, January 1, 1923.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Receipts for 1922

Town appropriation		\$100 00	
Perpetual care		95 00	
Individual care	1920	2 00	
Individual care	1921	21 00	
Individual care	1922	57 00	
Sale of lot, Pine Grove cemetery		10 00	
Sale of lot, South cemetery		5 00	
Sale of grave, South cemetery		1 00	
		<hr/>	\$291 00

Expenses

Edwin Green, Superintendent	\$163 30	
William M. Woodis	53 63	
A. B. Spooner	10 40	
D. F. Howard & Sons	5 00	
W. E. Morse	4 55	
H. W. Crawford	1 45	
P. F. Wilbur	1 00	
J. P. Fairbank	54 00	
	<hr/>	\$239 87
Balance not used		<hr/> \$51 13

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,
EDWIN GREEN.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Receipts

Town appropriation	\$300 00	
Dog Fund	224 27	
Wright Memorial Fund	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$548 27

Expenditures

Paid William Nye, janitor	\$132 00	
H. R. Hunting Co., books	25 31	
R. H. Hinkley Co., books	58 05	
C. H. Parker & Son, supplies	16 89	
H. N. Butler, wood	16 00	
E. Hapgood, labor	9 75	
Haven & Carter, coal	49 13	
G. S. Butler, supplies	5 70	
F. E. Davis, postage, express	3 00	
F. E. Davis, librarian	75 00	
Robert Briggs, carrying books	25 00	
Grace Baxter, librarian	25 00	
Grace Baxter, cataloging	5 00	
Orton Butler, assistant	5 00	
Ruth Morse, reshelving books	5 00	
Sara Butler, assistant	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$460 83

During the past year, the town has lost two valued friends, who were much interested in the library.

Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester who has done so

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much toward establishing and maintaining the library died in November.

With feelings of deep sadness we record the death of our associate on the Library Board for so many years, Deacon Jesse Allen. Our library, school, church and entire community will greatly miss his genial presence, excellent judgment and wise counsel.

The books have been re-shelved, new ones catalogued and worn ones discarded.

The library received a legacy of \$153 from the estate of Miss J. H. Orzina Lovell.

Respectfully submitted,
SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOWWELL,
Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The library was open during the past year for the delivery of books 102 days.

The number of books charged for home use were 3228. The schools borrowed 119 books for supplementary work.

The largest circulation in one day was 59.

The magazines for use in the reading room include the Etude, Country Gentleman, To-Day's Housewife, Youth's Companion, Good Housekeeping, Dearborn Independent, Popular Mechanics, Illustrated World, National Geographic, Our Dumb Animals, Physical Culture, National Grange, Christian Endeavor World, Ladies Home Journal and Barre Gazette.

The Woman's Education Association and Yale Library, New Haven, have kindly loaned books for home use.

We are also indebted to the Woman's Education Association for a collection of pictures of Deerfield, loaned to the Library for a short time, and can be seen in the reading room.

Gifts have been received from Library Commission, Mrs. W. S. Crawford, Jasper Peabody, S. N. Haskell, Mabel C. Dean, J. E. Damon, Ernest Haywood, Mrs. W. S. Crawford, Dr. Brown, Christian Endeavor and Oakham Grange.

The former afternoon Library hours of 3-5 p. m. have been changed to 2-4 p. m.

Beginning 1923 no books will be issued on cards on which a fine is due.

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The following books have been added during the year :

The Long Dim Trail.
Steam Shovel Man.
Old Ryerson.
The Reign of Queen Isyl.
Paul Prescott's Charge.
Do and Dare.
The Cross and its Shadow.
Story of the Seer of Patmos.
The Belgian Twins.
The French Twins.
Little Allies.
Lone Bull's Mistake.
A Little Maid of Old Philadelphia.
Slipper Point Mystery.
Too Many Crooks.
Indian Heroes and Great Chieftains.
An Irish Saint.
A Little Gray Home in France.
The Girls of Old Glory.
Comrade Rosalie.
A Layman's Hand Book of Medicine.
A Student in Arms.
The Junior Cup.
Guld, The Cavern Boy.
My Antonia.
Wigwam, Wonder Tales.
Strange Stories of the Great Valley.
Indian Legends Retold.
Neptune's Son.
Community Life and Civic Problems.

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Have Faith in Massachusetts.
What Happened in Europe.
The Blue Aunt.
The Day of Glory.
American Boy's Book on Bugs, Butterflies and Beetles.
St. Botolph Town.
The Cruise of the Cachalot.
Forging the Sword.
Genevieve.
Mercier.
The Red Man's Continent.
A Treasury of Animal Stories.
Care and Feeding of Children.
Our Patriots.
Captain Horace.
Deing Done Good.
The Drums of Fore and Aft.
Dear Old "K".
History of the Yankee Division.
New England in France.
The Young Man and Teaching.
The Broken Soldier.
In What Life Consists.

Respectfully submitted,
(MRS.) GRACE E. BAXTER.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Receipts

Town—Support of Schools	\$3200 00
State return—School Fund	2172 00
State return—High School tuition	789 47
State return—School Superintendent	289 92
State return High School transportation	520 50
State return—Income Tax, for general school purposes	640 00
Rutland Tuition	27 00
Total	\$7638 89

Expenses

School Committee

Paid Thomas C. Baxter, services	\$25 00	
Walter O. Babcock	10 00	
Minnie M. Day, services	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 00

Superintendent's Salary and Expense of Office

Paid James R. Childs, salary	\$405 00	
James R. Childs, travelling expenses	70 80	
James R. Childs, postage and telephone	5 14	
James R. Childs, supplies for office	5 65	
	<hr/>	\$486 59

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Teachers

Paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell	\$1000 00	
Miss Ethel M. Braman	1000 00	
Miss Ruth E. Butterfield	1000 00	
✓ Mrs. Ruth Dwelly	231 00	
	<hr/>	\$3231 00

Supplies

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$3 97	
J. N. Ball	3 57	
George S. Butler	1 35	
Dowling School Supply Co.	6 39	
S. A. Maxwell & Co.	3 90	
M. Steinert & Sons	3 70	
Milton Bradley Co.	3 30	
J. R. Childs	8 50	
Ruth B. Dwelly	8 43	
Wm. A. Nye	3 25	
J. L. Hammett Co.	30 03	
C. R. Knight	2 50	
Edward E. Babb	5 04	
George S. Butler	2 49	
	<hr/>	\$86 42

Books

Paid F. M. Ambrose & Co.	6 87	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	16 33	
Milton Bradley Co.	2 60	
The Macmillan Co.	3 74	
John C. Winston Co.	9 86	
Silver Burdett	14 88	
	<hr/>	\$54 28

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Care and Cleaning

Paid William A. Nye	\$162 00	
For Coldbrook School	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$176 00

Fuel

Paid Frank H. Boyd	\$93 50	
George A. Briggs	42 50	
	<hr/>	\$136 00

Repairs

Paid Oliver Wilkins	\$4 50	
William Snay	5 25	
Fay D. Russell	15 50	
George A. Briggs	3 00	
Chas. B. Daniels	5 00	
W. O. Babcock	4 00	
Frank O. Stevens	4 90	
Walter Babcock	1 50	
William Nye	10 44	
	<hr/>	\$54 09

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglass	\$25 00
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Grade Transportation

Paid Morton Lincoln	\$504 00	
William G. Mann	662 00	
Bert S. Reed	536 00	
	<hr/>	\$1702 00

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High School Transportation

Paid William Gaffney	\$46 00	
Thomas C. Baxter	77 60	
Sidney I. Dean	98 40	
Walter J. Bruce	74 40	
William Krafve	78 20	
Miss Esther Briggs	76 40	
William H. Parkman	23 20	
Clifford R. Knight	23 20	
Miss Hazel C. Briggs	75 20	
John Dwelly	75 60	
Patrick O'Donnell	76 00	
Mrs. L. E. Sanderson	24 80	
J. C. Rutherford	24 00	
H. W. Hallenbeck	4 80	
	<hr/>	\$777 80

High School Tuition

Paid City of Worcester	\$262 50	
Town of Hardwick for 1921	200 63	
Town of Hardwick for 1922	285 00	
Town of Holden	160 00	
Town of Barre	75 00	
Town of North Brookfield	80 00	
Town of West Brookfield	39 47	
	<hr/>	\$1102 60

Miscellaneous

Paid T. C. Baxter, expense of Union School Committee meeting	\$5 00
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Minnie M. Day, taking school census	5 00	
J. P. Day, sawing wood	5 00	
Walter Babcock, sawing and putting in wood	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$23 50
Total expenditures		\$7910 28

The furnishings of the South school were exchanged for equipment needed in the other schools of the town. Following is the statement:

Sold

Desks from South School	\$60 00	
Three pieces Hylophate Blackboard	13 93	
One metal waste basket	1 00	
Desks from Coldbrook	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$84 93

Received

1 Kindergarten table	\$6 55	
1 dozen Kindergarten chairs	21 80	
Window shades	38 19	
Books and Supplies	18 39	
	<hr/>	\$84 93

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. BAXTER,
WALTER O. BABCOCK,
MINNIE M. DAY,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1923

To the School Committee of Oakham:

My fifth report as superintendent, and the twenty-third in the series is presented herewith for your consideration. The usual statistical information and special reports follow, and are deserving of careful attention.

We have again been fortunate in meeting with no serious interruptions during the year and good faithful work has been accomplished. It is pleasing to note that more of our boys and girls are going to high school this year, and that they are bringing credit to their elementary training and to themselves.

As I have stated many times before we are fortunate in having no changes in teachers for a number of years. This should not lead us to take our teachers for granted. Rather should we make every inducement in the way of salaries and all needed equipment, to keep them and to show our appreciation.

During the year we have made several changes in our text books along the lines suggested in former reports. We are now supplied with the new edition of the Aldine series for teaching reading and are gradually replacing our basal material in history and geography with modern revisions, and working toward the elimination of the ninth grade. With smaller classes this may be accomplished more readily at Coldbrook and as we have no eighth grade there this year we may expect to bring

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about the change without any complication next year. This change when completed will bring our schools into line with the others of the union, and will effect the reorganization begun when the entrance age was raised to six years. I have had the cooperation of the teachers in working toward this end and want to express my sincere appreciation of their help.

We have sold to the Holden schools several desks and some blackboard taken from the South school when that building was sold, and in this way have been able without extra expense to the town to purchase kindergarten chairs and table, new curtains for all the schools and new material for teaching reading.

There has been very little new educational legislation during the year. We are passing through a period of readjustment in every line of activity. It will take time to put into operation the provisions of school laws enacted last year. We have been fortunate in securing Mrs. E. S. Douglass as School Nurse. The services of nurse and physician may be of great value to Oakham, but we shall need to make a larger appropriation for their work. Attention was called last year to the law requiring the teaching of "indoor and outdoor games and athletic exercises." At present we have done very little along this line beyond the calisthenics and setting up exercises required in every school.

It will be necessary this year to determine by some form of mental test the amount of retardation in our schools, in accordance with the law mentioned last year. This law requires a special class for retarded children if ten or more are found in the town.

Completion of the work of the sixth grade is the minimum requirement before a child may leave school. All

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children between the ages of SEVEN and FOURTEEN must attend school ALL THE TIME THE SCHOOLS ARE IN SESSION. The law provides that the School Committee through the Attendance officer shall enforce this law and bring into court any parent failing to comply with its provisions.

Attendance at Summer Schools and study of the best methods and practises by means of Correspondence courses offered by our Normal Schools and through the University Extension, the reading of books—these present to the teacher the means of keeping in touch with progressive live educational thought. Many towns and cities require this. Others make such study the prerequisite for promotion and salary increase. In many places part of the expense of attendance at summer sessions or of correspondence courses is borne by the town. In Holden last year \$50 was added to the salary of the teachers who attended summer school. Nearly fifty per cent. of our teachers are studying in one of the ways named, for professional self-improvement. I would like to see some special inducement along this line offered our teachers in Oakham.

Your attention is invited to the report of the School Physician and of the Music Supervisor. I regret to note the excessive number of cases of defective teeth in Dr. Douglass' report. I cannot believe that parents willingly neglect this important matter when it is called to their attention. A word of appreciation and thanks is due the Doctor for the interest he has always taken in his examination of the children. The small amount he is paid is out of proportion to the good that is done. The service would be made of greater value if parents would give heed to his notices.

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I take this opportunity to thank the School Committee, the teachers and pupils and the parents for loyal support and for many courtesies shown. It is no small part of the reward of service and of the joy of service to feel that one is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES R. CHILDS,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1921-1922

School	Teacher	Training	Began here	Total mem.	Ave. mem.	Ave. atten.	Per cent. atten.
Center Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield H S	1897	35	31	27	89
Center Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield	1907	35	30	27	90
Goldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester N. S.	1904	20	19	18	95
Music	Ruth B. Dwelley	Northampton	1909				
				90	80	72	90

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REGISTRATION OF MINORS (School Census)

April 1, 1922

Children in Oakham

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between 5 and 7 years of age	3	4	7
Between 7 and 14 years of age	33	33	66
Between 14 and 16 years of age	10	12	22
Illiterate minors 16 to 21	0	0	0
Totals	46	49	95

ENROLLMENT, FALL TERM 1922

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Boys	7	5	0	1	6	4	9	2	2	36
Girls	5	4	3	4	9	4	5	3	5	42
Total	12	9	3	5	15	8	14	5	7	78

PROMOTION BY GRADES, JUNE 1922

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Promoted	7	4	4	13	7	15	5	7	12	74
Promoted on trial	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Totals	11	4	5	15	7	15	5	7	12	81

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AGE AND GRADING CHART, APRIL 1, 1922

Age	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
Grade												
I	6	4	1									11
II		1	3									4
III		2		3								5
IV			2	9	2	2						15
V				3	5	1						9
VI						7	4	1	1	1		14
VII						1	2	1	1			5
VIII								3	2	1	1	7
IX								1	4	6	1	12
Totals	6	7	6	15	7	11	6	6	8	8	2	82

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ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect attendance for THREE YEARS:

Raymond Crawford

Perfect attendance for ONE YEAR, except as indicated:

Florence Loring (1)	Kenneth Wilkins
Vincent Mullen	Mildred Wilkins

Perfect attendance for two terms, except as indicated:

Norman Baxter	Burton Mullen (1)
Rose Bruno (1)	Lillian Potter (T)
Charles Dean (1)	Albert Sullivan (1)
Albert Dufault	Helen Sullivan (½)
Charles Ferrin (1)	Herbert Sullivan
Stephen Lincoln (1)	Oliver Wilkins
Corinna Loring (½)	William Wilkins
Frank Loring (1)	

Perfect attendance for one term, except as indicated:

Dorothy Day (½)	Moses Macia (1)
John Day	John Murray
Sidney Dean (½)	Frank Potter (T)
Stanley Lupa	William Rutherford
George Macia (1)	Barbara Sullivan (½)

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—Sept. 5, 1922 to Dec. 22, 1922—16 weeks.

Winter Term—Jan. 2, 1923 to March 16, 1923—11 weeks.

Spring Term—April 9, 1923 to June 8, 1923—9 weeks.

Fall Term—Sept. 4, 1923 to Dec. 21, 1923—16 weeks.

Winter Term—Jan. 7, 1924 to March 14, 1924—10 weeks.

Spring Term—March 31, 1924 to June 6, 1924—10 weeks.

Holidays

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day,
October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

South Barre, Mass., Jan. 1, 1923.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I have examined the pupils in the following schools:-
Oakham Primary and Oakham Grammar at the Center
and Coldbrook and at Coldbrook Springs.

	Ctr. Prim.	Ctr. Gram.	Coldbrook
Number of pupils examined	34	23	21
Number of pupils absent	4	0	0
Number having defective teeth	13	5	7
Cases of excessive wax in ears	4	0	2
Cases of enlarged tonsils	1	3	0
Cases of adenoids	1	3	0
Notices sent to parents	18	8	9

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. DOUGLASS, M. D.,

School Physician.

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REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Oakham, Mass., Jan. 1, 1923.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work in music is being advanced on a plan similar to that of last year with varied applications of the fundamental principles.

In the lower grades special attention has been given to ear-training, correlating it with eye-work later.

Rote songs, sung by the class and individually form the basis for this work. Individual work is urged and encouraged from the first grade, and continuing through the upper grades.

From the beginning the child is taught to sing with a pure, light tone quality. Insistence on good tone quality is of paramount importance.

Two, three and four part singing is introduced and sung by the class and by individuals. The problems in time, tone and theory are studied and drilled upon. With the exception of some individual cases the children are taught to carry either soprano or alto in two part music. They thus gain not only additional ear and eye training for the present, but valuable experience when the changing voice necessitates the singing of a second part.

If the music periods have made the pupils more alert mentally, keener in theory, more appreciative of the best in music, and have given them that test of training "the capability of attempting new subjects," we may

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justly feel that we have accomplished much for educational music in the schools.

The results have differed according to the pupil, some principles unconsciously becoming more evident than others.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,

Music Supervisor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, ENDING DEC. 31, 1920

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1919	\$115 07	
Interest	17 94	
	<hr/>	\$133 04

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts		\$133 04
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Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1920	\$856 85	
Interest	58 09	
	<hr/>	\$924 95

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts		\$733 43
Uncollected taxes		<hr/> \$191 52

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. MORSE,

Collector for 1920.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Superintendent, Cemetery Committee, Tree Warden, Fire Warden, Library Trustees, and accounts of Moth Superintendent and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and found them to be correct.

JOHN ROBINSON,

Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS

George W. Dean, Treasurer.
Donald Rutherford, Farmer.
Fay D. Russell, Carpenter.
Herman Dean, Farmer.
Fred Parkman, Farmer.
Frank Cheever, Carpenter.
Clarence Grimes, Farmer.

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